

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION AND LOSS IN NATIONAL FERTILIZERS LIMITED
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have examined the reasons for the continuous losses being suffered by the National Fertilizers Limited;
- (b) if so, the production capacity of National Fertilizers Limited during the last three years;
- (c) the installed production capacity utilised each year during the said period;
- (d) the average cost of production per tonne and the price at which the product was sold to the consumer; and
- (e) the reasons for such a big difference in the cost of production and consumer selling price?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

- (a) The National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL) is a profit making company and has not incurred losses so far.
- (b) & (c) The installed production capacity of NFL and its utilisation during the last three years is as under:

Year	Installed capacity	production		%age capacity utilisation	
		CAN	UREA	CAN	UREA
1998-99			2805.0	69.4	112.1
1999-2000	320.0	2805.0	48.6	111.8	
2000-01	320.0		2805.0	33.5	104.7

- (d) & (e) The average retention price of urea produced by NFL is Rs. 8,661 perMT as on 1.8.2001. As urea is under the statutory price, distribution and movement control of the Government, it is sold to the farmers at the fixed statutory price which at present is Rs. 4600/- per tonne.